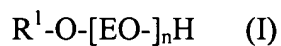


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-14 cancelled.

15. (New) A solution of organic compounds which are insoluble or insufficiently soluble in lipophilic and hydrophilic media in ether alcohols of the general formula (I)



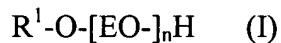
where

R^1 is C_{1-3} -alkyl,

n is on average 7 to 15,

EO is building blocks derived from ethylene oxide.

16. (New) A dispersion of (micro)pigments and/or insoluble organic compounds in ether alcohols of the general formula (I)



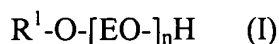
where

R^1 is C_{1-3} -alkyl,

n is on average 7 to 50,

EO is building blocks derived from ethylene oxide.

17. (New) An ether alcohol/polyol-in-oil emulsion comprising at least one ether alcohol of the general formula (I)



where

R^1 is C_{1-3} -alkyl,

n is on average 7 to 15,

EO is building blocks derived from ethylene oxide,
in an oil-immiscible ether alcohol/polyol phase, an oil phase and at least one emulsifier.

18. (New) The emulsion as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that, in the general formula (I), R^1 is C_{1-2} -alkyl, and n is on average 8 to 15.

19. (New) The emulsion as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that the ether alcohol is a methanol ethoxylate with 7 to 13 ethylene oxide units.

20. The emulsion as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that at least 50% by weight of ether alcohol is present in the ether alcohol/polyol phase.

21. (New) The emulsion as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that the ether alcohol/polyol phase comprises a cosmetic and/or pharmaceutical and/or agrochemical active ingredient

dissolved in the phase.

22. (New) A method of preparing emulsions as claimed in claim 17, characterized in that the ether alcohol/polyol phase and the oil phase, which may each comprise emulsifier, are heated separately to a temperature in the range from 20 to 90°C and then combined with stirring.

23. (New) An ether alcohol/polyol-in-oil-water emulsion comprising at least one emulsion as claimed in claim 17 and additionally at least one aqueous phase.

24. (New) A cosmetic and/or pharmaceutical and/or agrochemical active ingredient composition comprising at least one emulsion as claimed in claim 17.

25. (New) A sunscreen composition comprising
10 to 80% by weight of at least one ether alcohol, as is defined in claim 17,
5 to 50% by weight of at least one (micro)pigment,
5 to 50% by weight of at least one organic light protection filter
and, if appropriate, further customary ingredients, where the total weight is 100% by weight.